

REMARKS

Claims 23-33 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 23-32 are amended, and claim 33 is added. Claim 33 recites some of the features found in claim 32. Claim 23 is the sole independent claim. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 23-32 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 23-33 have been amended to overcome the objections and rejections, and thus are allowable in review of the foregoing amendments and remarks.

Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objects to the Abstract for failing to provide proper language and format. It is respectfully submitted that the Abstract has been amended to obviate the objection. Applicants submit that the amendments are non-narrowing in scope and are not related to reasons of patentability. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Actions rejects claims 23-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claimed the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claims 23-32 to obviate the rejection, and as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that the amendments are non-narrowing in scope and are not related to the reasons of patentability. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

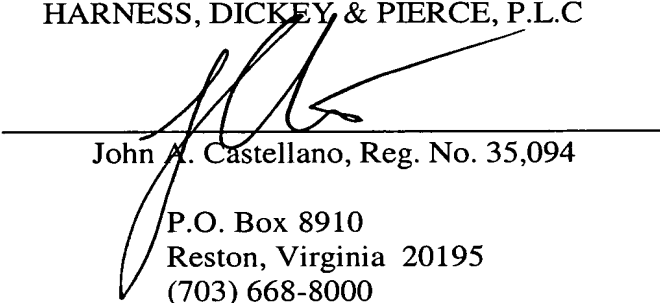
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration for the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 12-33 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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